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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### FEE DECISIONS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

The Managing Director is responsible for fee decisions in response to requests for waiver or deferral of fees as well as other pleadings associated with the fee collection process. A public notice of these fee decisions is published in the FCC record.

The decisions are placed in General Docket 86-285 and are available for public inspection. A copy of the decision is also placed in the appropriate docket, if one exists.

The following Managing Director fee decisions are released for public information:

**BBG Communications, Inc.** • Request for waiver of FY 2004 regulatory fee late payment penalty. **Denied** (April 3,2007) [See FY 2004 Report and Order at 11682, ¶ 70; 47 U.S.C. §159; 47 C.F.R. §1.1157]

**Jerry J. Collins KLFF** (AM)- Request for refund of application fee. Granted (April 16,2007) [See 47C.F.R. §§1.1108 and 1.113(a)

New AM, Baxter, MN – Request for waiver of FY 2006 regulatory fee. Granted (April 3,2007) [See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50]

PC Landing Color - Request for deferral and waiver of FY 2006 regulatory fees. Granted (April 3,2007) [See Implementation of Section 9 of the Communications Act. 9 FCC Rcd 5333, 5346 (1994), recon. granted, 10 FCC Rcd 12759(1995)]

> Radio 1240, LLC KDAN (AM) - Request for waiver of FY 2006 regulatory fee. Granted (April 16,2007) [See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50]

Radio 1340, LLC KBSP (AM) - Request for waiver of FY 2006 regulatory fee. Granted (April 16,2007) [See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50]

Radio 1450, LLC KIFO (AM) - Request for waiver of FY 2006 regulatory fee. Granted (April 16,2007) [See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50

**WestCom Corporation** - Request for waiver and refund of FY 2005 late fee penalty. Denied (April 24,2007) [See FY 2005 Report and Order at 12274-75, ¶49]

**NOTE: ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING** THIS REPORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE REVENUE AND RECEIVABLES **OPERATIONS GROUP AT (202) 418-1995.** 



## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20554 APR 16 2007

OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

Ellen Mandell Edmundson, Esq. Cohn and Marks LLP 1920N Street, N.W. Suite 300 Washington, D.C. 20036-1622

> Re: KLFF(AM), Arroyo Grande, CA Request for Refund of Application Filing Fee Fee Control No. 06010238350542001

Dear Ms. Edmundson:

**This** letter responds to **your** request dated December 14,2006 (Request), submitted on behalf of Jerry J. Collins, licensee of station KLFF(AM), for a refund of the \$120.00 application fee associated with an application to assign the KLFF license to The Collins Family Trust, Jerry J. Collins, and Catherine J. Collins **as** Trustors and Trustees. Our records reflect that you paid the \$120.00 filing fee. For the **reasons** set forth below, we grant your request.

You recite that "the parties initially sought FCC consent to the proposed license assignment on apro *forma* basis, by filing an FCC Form 316 'short-form' application on October 13,2006 . . . . [, along with] a \$120.00 application filing fee[.]" You state that "[o]n October 18,2006, pursuant to an informal discussion with staff of the Media Bureau, counsel filed a request to withdraw the Form 316 *pro* forma assignment application" and filed an FCC Form 314 "long-form" assignment application to replace the *pro forma* application, along with an \$895.00 application fee.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission has discretion to waive filing fees upon a showing of good cause and a finding that the public interest will be served thereby. We construe our waiver authority under section 8 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §158(d)(2), narrowly and will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Request at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See 47 U.S.C. §158(d)(2); 47 C.F.R. §1.1117(a); Establishment **𝚅** a Fee Collection Program **to** Implement the Provisions **𝚅** the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act **𝚅** 1985, 5 FCC Rcd 3558,3572-73 (1990).

grant waivers on a case-by-case basis to specific applicants upon a showing of "extraordinary and compelling circumstances."

In view of the circumstances recited above, including the facts that the initial pro forma application was withdrawn only five days after it was filed and a long-form application was filed along with an additional filing fee of \$895.00, we find that the \$120.00 fee paid with the original application was effectively an "overpayment" under section 1.1113 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1113. We therefore conclude that a refund of the original application filing fee is appropriate? We therefore grant your request for a refund of the \$120.00 filing fees associated with the October 13, 2006, pro forma assignment application.

A check, made payable to the maker of the original check, and **drawn** in the amount of \$120.00, will be sent to you at the earliest practicable time. If **you** have any questions concerning **this** matter, please contact the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark Stephens

Chief Financial Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Establishment **𝚅** a Fee Collection Program **to** Implement the Provisions **𝚅** the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act **𝚅** 1985, 2 FCC Red 947,958 (1987); Sirius Satellite Radio, *Inc.*, 18 FCC Red 12551 (2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§1.1108 and 1.1113(a).

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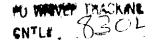
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### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington D.C. 20554

Re: KLFF(AM), Arroyo Grande, CA (Fac. ID # 87729)

**Request for Refund of Application Filing Fee** 

FCC File No. BAL-20061013AEF

Dear Ms. Dortch

This is submitted on behalf of Jerry J. Collins (FRN 0004-9892-OS), licensee of AM radio station KLFF, Arroyo Grande, California, to request a refund of the \$120 application filing fee paid in connection with the above-referenced application for consent to assign the KLFF license to THE COLLINS FAMILY TRUST dated September 7,2006, JERRY J. COLLINS and CATHERINE J. COLLINS as Trustors and Trustees ("the Trust").

The Commission's records will reflect that the parties initially sought FCC consent to the 'proposed license assignment on a pro forma basis, by filing an FCC Form 316 "short-form" application on October 13, 2006. In connection with the Form 316 pro *forma* assignment application, a \$120 application filing fee was paid (see Attachment A hereto).

On October 18,2006, pursuant to an informal discussion with staff of the Media Bureau, counsel filed a request to withdraw the Form 316 *pro forma* assignment application (copy attached hereto as Attachment B), and a "long-form" application on FCC Form 314 was filed for consent to the same transaction, to replace the Fonn 316 pro *forma* assignment application being contemporaneously withdrawn. An application filing fee of \$895 was filed in connection with the Form 314 long-form assignment application (*see* Attachment C hereto).

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By the instant submission, a refund of the \$120 application filing fee paid for the withdrawn Form 316 pro forma application is respectfully requested.

Kindly direct any communications with respect to this matter to undersigned counsel.

Sincerely

Ellen Mandell Edmundson

### Attachment

cc: Mr. Anthony Dale\*

Ms. Marva Dyson\*
Jerry J. Collins

\*by hand

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# FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20554 APR 3 2007

OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

> Dan J. Alpert Counsel for NEW AM The Law Office of Dan J. Alpert 2120 North 21<sup>st</sup> Road Arlington, VA 22201

> > Re: Request for Waiver of FY **2006**Regulatory Fee
> > NEW AM, Baxter, MN
> > Fee Control No. **RROG-07-00008245**

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This is in response to your letter dated December 15,2006 (Letter), on behalf of NEW AM, Baxter, Minnesota (Station), requesting waiver of the fiscal year (FY) 2006 regulatory fee. Our records indicate that the Station has paid no regulatory fee for FY 2006. As set forth below, your request is granted insofar as we find that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due for the Station.

You assert that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due because the construction permit for the Station was issued on January 25,2006, which is after the October 1,2005 cut-off date.' Our records reflect that the Media Bureau issued a construction permit for the Station after October 1,2005. Because the construction permit for the Station was issued after October 1,2005, the beginning of the 2006 fiscal year, no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due.<sup>2</sup>

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Stephens
Chief Financial Officer

<sup>1</sup> Lener (citing Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006, 21 FCC Rcd 8092, ¶ 50 (2006) (FY 2006 Report and Order))

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50 ("Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station . . . initial construction permits that were issued on or before October 1,2005 . . . . "); see also Regulatory Fees Fact Sheer at 1 ("Who Must Pay: , , holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations . . . provided that such . . . permits were granted on or before October 1,2005."); 47 C.F.R. § 1.1153.

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December 15,2006

Mr. Andrew S. Fishel
Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: 2006 Annual Regulatory Fee

**NEW AM** 

File No. BNP-20020508AAN

Baxter, MN

Facility No. 136921

Dear Mr. Fishel:

This letter supersedes the previous letter filed requesting a refund of the Annual Regulatory Fee. Edward De La Hunt, Sr., by his attorney, hereby waiver of his 2006 **Annual** Regulatory Fee. In support thereof, the following is stated.

In the Report and Order and Order issued with respect to Fiscal Year 2006 Regulatory Fees, FCC 06-102 (July 17, 2006), the FCC stated that:

Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station and VHF/UHF television station initial construction permits that were issued on **or** before October 1, **2005**, and for **all** broadcast facility licenses granted on **or** before October **1,2005**.

Id. at para. 50.

As reflected by the attached, the construction permit for the above-referenced station was issued on January 25,2006, which is after the October 1, 2005 cut-off date. Therefore, no fee was due, and a waiver of the fee is appropriate.

WHEREFORE, it respectfully is requested that this request be granted.

Dan J. Alpert

Adama

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20554 APR 3 2007

OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Megan H. Troy, Esq.
Preston Gates Ellis& Rouvelas Meeds, LLP
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Re: PC Landing Corp. FY **2006** Regulatory Fees Fee Control No. RROG-06-00007814

#### Dear Counsel:

This letter responds to your request dated September 15,2006 (*Request*) submitted on behalf of PC Landing Corp. (PC Landing), for a deferral and waiver of the \$394,519.00 fiscal year (FY) 2006 regulatory fees. Our records reflect that PC Landing has not paid the FY 2006 regulatory fees. For the reasons stated herein, we grant your request.

In your request, you recite that PC Landing, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pacific Crossing Ltd., is the cable landing licensee for the Pacific Crossing submarine cable system (PC-1). You state that on July 19, 2002, PC Landing and certain of its affiliates (collectively, PCL Debtors) filed voluntary petitions for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in the United States Bankruptcy Court in Delaware (Bankruptcy Court). In connection with PC Landing's earlier requests for relief from application fees filed with the Commission on August 7, 2002, you provided the Commission with a copy of the petition for bankruptcy that PC Landing filed with the Bankruptcy Court. You state that PCL Debtors filed with the Bankruptcy Court a proposed plan of reorganization, as amended (the Plan), which was confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court on November 10, 2005. You state that "[o]n December 30,2005, the Plan was consummated and the PCL Debtors emerged from bankruptcy as a stand alone, independent telecommunications company, with Pacific Crossing Limited as the corporate parent." You assert that PC Landing's "status as a chapter 11 debtor-in-possession [on October 1,2005, the first day

Request at I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.* at **1-2**; *see also id.* at **2**, **n.2** ("Each of the principal subsidiaries of [pre-bankruptcy Pacific Crossing Ltd.] . . , including PC Landing Corp., which had been debtor-in-possession estates under U.S. bankruptcy, emerged from chapter 11 as reorganized subsidiary companies of [post-bankruptcy] Pacific Crossing Limited.").

of FY 2006] ... should in and of itself provide evidence of financial hardship sufficient to warrant grant of the waiver."<sup>5</sup>

You also claim that after emerging from bankruptcy, Pacific Crossing Limited and its subsidiaries, including PC Landing (PCL Group), "have no source of liquidity beyond funds that exited on the bankruptcy exit date and cash from operations." You contend that as a result of "legacy bankruptcy issues and continued restructuring initiatives, Pacific Crossing Limited has continued to experience a degradation in its cash position in 2006." As part of a supplemental filing, you submit a document entitled "PC Landing Corp. Financial Statements for the Three Quarters Ended September 30,2006" (Statement of Income). You state that the PCL Group "retained CXO, L.L.C. (CXO), a turn-around and crisis manager, to perform all of the management and executive functions at the PCL Group." You recite that "[u]pon emergence [from bankruptcy] on December 31,2005, and through the end of the period relevant to the instant application, September 30,2006, [the PCL Group compensated] CXO" on a monthly basis."" You state that the Statement of Income "reflect[s] an allocation of these expenses under General and Administrative."" In a subsequent communication, you clarify that approximately 20 percent of the monthly fees paid to CXO to manage and operate the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id. at 2; citing Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006, 21 FCC Rcd 8092, para. 19 and fn.14 (2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 3.

See Email from Marty Stem to Joanne Wall (Feb. 17,2007) (February 17 Email).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> February 17 Email, Statement Regarding Executive Compensation at 1 (Compensation Statement); see also id. ("CXO was initially retained under bankruptcy court approved arrangements in 2002 and managed the businesses continuously through bankruptcy exit in December 2005.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 2

Id. at 2, n.1; see also Email from Marty Stem to Joanne Wall (Feb. 21,2007) (the Statement of Income "reflect[s] an allocation of the expenses incurred in connection with the operation and management of the business, including an allocation of the monthly fee paid to CXO in connection with its management activities."); see also February I7

Email, Compensation Statement at 2, n.2 (during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2006, a period that is not reflected on the Compensation Statement and that is "not relevant to the period that is the subject of the waiver, the owners of [the PCL Group] . . . determined to phase-out CXO's management of the company in favor of [a] long-term, permanent management team.").

PCL Group is "allocated to the PC Landing ...General and Administrative expense category [on the *Statement of Income*]." <sup>12</sup>

The Commission has determined that it will waive regulatory fees for licensees who are bankrupt or are in receivership at the time the fees are due. <sup>13</sup> In addition, in establishing the regulatory fee program, the Commission recognized that in certain instances payment of a regulatory fee may impose an undue financial hardship upon a licensee. The Commission therefore decided to grant waivers or reductions of its regulatory fees in those instances where a "petitioner presents a compelling case of financial hardship." <sup>14</sup> In reviewing a showing of financial hardship, the Commission relies upon a licensee's cash flow, as opposed to the entity's profits, and considers whether the station lacks sufficient funds to pay the regulatory fee and maintain service to the public. Thus, even if a station loses money, any funds paid to principals, deductions for depreciation or similar items are considered funds available to pay the fees.

Because PC Landing emerged from bankruptcy on December 30,2005, and was not in bankruptcy on the date that the **FY** 2006 regulatory fees were due, *i.e.*, September 19, 2006, we deny your request for waiver of the regulatory fees on the grounds of bankruptcy. Our review, however, of the *Statement & Income* indicates that PC Landing suffered a financial loss in **the** first three quarters of the 2006 calendar year, which was only partially offset by depreciation and amortization and expenses attributable to the management and operation of PC Landing by **CXO**. Given that PC Landing suffered a financial loss in the first three quarters of calendar year 2006, **we** grant your request for a waiver of the regulatory fee for **FY** 2006. <sup>15</sup>

You have also requested confidential treatment of the material that you submitted with your request for fee relief. Pursuant to section 0.459(d)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §0.459(d)(1), we do not routinely rule on requests for confidential treatment until we receive a request for access to the records. The records are treated confidentially in the meantime. If a request for access to the information submitted in conjunction with your regulatory fees is received, you will be notified and afforded the opportunity to respond at that time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See Email from Marty Stem to Joanne Wall (Feb. 23,2007)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Implementation & Section 9 & the Communications Act, 10 FCC Rcd 12759, 12762 (1995).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Implementation & Section 9 & the Communications Act, 9 FCC Red 5333,5346 (1994), recon. granted, 10 FCC Red 12759 (1995).

By this letter, we also grant your request for a deferral of payment while the waiver request is pending.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the Revenue and Receivables Operations Group & (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Stephens
Chief Financial Officer

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20554 APR 16 2007

OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

> Dan J. Alpert Counsel for Radio 1240, LLC The Law Office of Dan J. Alpert 2120 North 21st Road Arlington, VA 22201

> > Re: Request for Waiver of FY **2006** Regulatory Fee KDAN (AM) Fee Control No. RROG-07-00008247

### Dear Mr. Alpert:

This is in response to your letter filed December 22, 2006 (Letter), on behalf of KDAN(AM) (Station), requesting waiver of the fiscal year (FY) 2006 regulatory fee. Our records indicate that the Station has paid no regulatory fee for FY 2006. As set forth below, your request is granted insofar as we find that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due for the Station.

You assert that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due because the construction permit for the Station was issued on February 17,2006, which is after the October 1,2005 cut-off date.' Or records reflect that the Media Bureau issued a construction permit for the Station after October 1,2005. Because the construction permit for the Station was issued after October 1,2005, the beginning of the 2006 fiscal year, no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due?

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

-Mark Stephens Chief Financial Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter (citingAssessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006, 21 FCC Rcd 8092, ¶SO (2006) (FY 2006 Report and Order))

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  See FY 2006 Report and Order at  $\P$  50 ("Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station. . .initial construction permits that were issued on or before October 1,2005 ...."); see also Regulatory Fees Fact Sheet at 1 ("Who Mist Pay: ... holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations ... provided that such... permits were granted on or before October 1, 2005."); 47 C.F.R. §1.1153.

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Managing Director Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. S.W.. Washington, DC 20554

2006 Annual Regulatory Fee Station KDAN(AM)

**Facility No. 161165** 

Dear Mr. Fishel:

This letter supersedes the previous letter requesting a refund of the Annual Regulatory Fee. Radio 1240, LLC, by its attorney, hereby requests waiver of its 2006 Annual Regulatory Fee. In support thereof, the following is stated.

In the Report and Order and Order issued with respect to Fiscal Year **2006** Regulatory Fees, FCC **06-102** (July **17, 2006),** the FCC stated that:

Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station and VHF/UHF television station initial construction permits that were issued on or before October 1,2005, and for all broadcast facility licenses granted on or before October 1,2005.

<u>Id</u>. at para. 50.

As reflected by the attached, the construction permit for KDAN was issued **on** February 17,2006, which is after the October 1,2005 cut-off date. Therefore, no fee was due, and a waiver of the fee is appropriate.

WHEREFORE, it respectfully is requested that this request be granted.

Very truly yours,

Coursel for Radio 1240, LLC

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OFFICE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dan J. Alpert Counsel for Radio 1340,LLC The Law Office of Dan J. Alpert 2120 North 21<sup>st</sup> Road Arlington, VA 22201

Re: Request for Waiver of FY 2006
Regulatory Fee

KBSP(AM)
Fee Control No. RROG-07-00008249

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This is in response to your letter filed December 22, 2006 (Letter), on behalf of KBSP(AM) (Station), requesting waiver of the fiscal year (FY) 2006 regulatory fee. Our records indicate that the Station has paid no regulatory fee for FY 2006. As set forth below, your request is granted insofar as we find that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due for the Station.

You assert that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due because the construction permit for the Station was issued on December 21, 2005, which is after the October 1,2005 cut-off date.' Our records reflect that the Media Bureau issued a construction permit for the Station after October 1,2005. Because the construction permit for the Station was issued after October 1,2005, the beginning of the 2006 fiscal year, no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due?

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call the Revenue & Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Chief Financial Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter (citing Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006, 21 FCC Rcd 8092, ¶ SO (2006) (FY 2006 Report and Order))

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50 ("Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station . . . initial construction permits that were issued on or before October 1,2005 . . . ."); see also Regulatory Fees Fact Sheet at 1 ("Who Must Pay: . . . holders of construction permits for new AM and FM stations . , . provided that such . . . . permits were granted on or before October 1, 2005."); 47 C.F.R. §1.1153.

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Federal Communications Commission Bureau / Office

Mr. Andrew S. Fishel Managing Director Federal Communications Commission 445 12" St. S.W... Washington, DC 20554

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2006 Annual Regulatory Fee

Station **KBSP**(**AM**) Facility No. 160321

Dear Mr. Fishel:

This letter supersedes the previous letter requesting a refund of the Annual Regulatory Fee. Radio 1340, LLC, by its attorney, hereby requests waiver of its 2006 Annual Regulatory Fee. In support thereof, the following is stated.

In the Report and Order and Order issued with respect to Fiscal Year 2006 Regulatory Fees, FCC **06-102** (July **17, 2006)**, the FCC stated that:

Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station and VHF/UHF television station initial construction permits that were issued on or before October I. 2005, and for all broadcast facility licenses granted on or before October 1, 2005.

<u>Id</u>. at para. 50.

As reflected by the attached, the construction permit for KBSP was issued on December 21,2005, which is after the October 1,2005 cut-off date. Therefore, no fee was due, and a waiver of the fee is appropriate.

WHEREFORE, it respectfully is requested that this request be granted.

Coursel for Radio 1340, LLC

Re: Request for Waiver of FY 2006
Regulatory Fee
KIFO(AM)

)7-00008242

Dear Mr. Alpert:

This is in response to your letter filed December 22, 2006 (Letter), on behalf of KIFO(AM) (Station), requesting waiver of the fiscal year (FY) 2006 regulatory fee. Our records indicate that the Station has paid no regulatory fee for FY 2006. As set forth below., your request is granted insofar as we find that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due for the Station.

You assert that no FY 2006 regulatory fee is due because the construction permit for the Station was issued on December 22,2005, which is after the October 1, 2005 cut-off date.' Our records reflect that the Media Bureau issued a construction permit for the Station after October 1,2005. Because the construction permit for the Station was issued after October 1,2005, the beginning of the 2006 fiscal year, no FY 2006 regulators fee is due.'

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Sincerely,

Mark Stephens

Chief Financial Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Letter (citing Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006, 21 FCC Rcd 8092, ¶ 50 (2006) (FY 2006 Report and Order))

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See FY 2006 Report and Order at ¶ 50 ("Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station...initial construction permits that were issued on or before October 1, ZOOS ...."); see also Regulatory Fees Fact Sheet at 1 ("Who Must Pay:...holden of construction permits for new AM and FM stations ...provided that such...permits were granted on or before October 1, ZOOS"); 47 C.F.R. \$1.1153.

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DEC 222006

Federal Communications Commission Bureau / Office

Re:

2006 Annual Regulatory Fee

Station KIFO(AM) Facility No. 160322

Dear Mr Fishel:

**This** letter supersedes the previous letter requesting a refund of the **Annual** Regulatory Fee. Radio **1450**, LLC, by its attorney, hereby requests **waiver** of its **2006** Annual Regulatory Fee. In support thereof, the following is stated.

In the Report and Order and Order issued with respect to Fiscal Year 2006 Regulatory Fees, FCC 06-102 (July 17, 2006), the FCC stated that:

Regulatory fees must be paid for AM/FM radio station and VHF/UHF television station initial construction permits that were issued on or before October 1,2005, and for all broadcast facility licenses granted on a before October 1,2005.

Id. at para. 50.

As reflected by the attached, the construction permit for KIFO was issued on December **22,2005**, which is **after** the October 1,2005 cut-off date. Therefore, **no** fee was due, a **waiver** of the fee is appropriate.

**WHEREFORE**, it respectfully is requested that this request be granted.

Dan & Alpert

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counsel for Radio 1450, LLC

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D C 20554 APR 24 7007

OFFICE OF MANAGING MRECTOR

Leo Whitt Chief Financial Officer WestCom Corporation 162 Fifth Avenue New York, **NY** 10010

> Re: Request for Waiver of Late Payment Penalty For Fiscal Year 2005 Regulatory Fee Fee Control No. 0601208365728001 Bill No. 05RE007612

Dear Mr. Whitt:

This is in response to your request filed on behalf of WestCom Corporation (WestCom) **for** waiver and refund of the late payment penalty associated with its fiscal year (FY) 2005 regulatory fee.' Our records reflect that on January 20,2006, subsequent to the September 7,2005 regulatory fee deadline? we received payment **of** WestCom's **\$154,139.95** regulatory fee and its \$38,534.99 late payment penalty, for a total of \$192,674.94. **As** indicated below, your request is denied.

In support of your request, **you** assert that a series of events, including sale of WestCom to a group of investors, several organizational changes including a number of acquisitions, and the departure of the former CFO, created a lack of transition that resulted in your failure to make timely payment of WestCom's FY 2005 regulatory fee. You state that **your** year end audit and internal review revealed that your regulatory fee payment had not been made. You add that you have corrected the notification process by filing an appropriate Form 161 (CORES Update and Change Form) to help insure that your filings are not late in the future. You request that, in light of these circumstances, your penalty be refunded or credited to your next annual regulatory fee payment!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Waiver Request from Leo Whitt, Chief Financial Officer, WestCom Corporation, dated Jan. 20, 2006 (Request) at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Public Notice, Payment Methods and Procedures for Fiscal Year 2005 Regulatory Fees, 20 FCC Rcd 12561 (2005): Public Notice, Fee Filer Now Available for 2005 Regulatory Fees, 20 FCC Rcd 23325 (2005) (including centered, bold printed statement "Due Date for Paying Regulatory Fees is September 7, 2005").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Request at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id*.

The Commission's rules are clear that regulatees and licensees such as WestCom are required to pay to the Commission an annual regulatory fee in a timely manner <sup>5</sup> It is the obligation of the regulatees and licensees responsible for regulatory fee payments to ensure the Commission receives the fee payment no later than the final date on which regulatory fees are due for the year. <sup>6</sup> Your request does not indicate or substantiate compliance with this obligation. <sup>7</sup> As a Commission licensee or regulatee, WestCom is charged with the responsibility to familiarize itself with the Commission's rules and requirements. The Commission has repeatedly held that "[1]icensees are expected to know and comply with the Commission's rules and regulations and will not be excused for violations thereof, absent clear mitigating circumstances." Sitka Broadcasting Co., Inc., 70 FCC 2d 2375,2378 (1979), citing Lowndes County Broadcasting Co., 23 FCC 2d 91 (1970) and Emporium Broadcasting Co., 23 FCC 2d 868 (1970). Furthermore, the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, requires the Commission to assess a late payment penalty of 25 percent on any regulatory fee not paid in a timely manner.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Assessment and Collection ← Regulatory Feesfor Fiscal Year 2005, Report and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 12259, 12274-75, ¶ 49 (2005) (FY 2005 Report and Order); 47 U.S.C. § 159(c); 47 C.F.R. § 1.1164.

FY 2005 Report and Order 20 FCC Rcd at 12274-75,749. With regard to WestCom's assertion that it filed a new Form 161 to assure receipt of future notifications, we bring to its attention that since FY 2003, the Commission has used its website rather than surface mail to disseminate regulatory fee public notices to inform all those required to pay regulatory fees the date the fees are due. Assessment and Collection & Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2003, Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 15985,15991, 17-19 (2003); Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2004, Report and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 11662, 11673, 13-34 (2004). In the FY 2005 Report and Order, the Commission stated that it would generate public notices and fact sheets to notify all those required to pay FY 2005 regulatory fees of the fee payment due date and would make available this and other relevant fee payment information on its website. FY 2005 Report and Orde, 20 FCC Rcd at 12268,727. Accordingly, the Commission informed its regulatees and licensees of the FY 2005 due dates, amounts of the fees, and payment methods in public notices and on its web site, www.fcc.gov. See note 2, supra.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Moreover, insofar as you rely **on** the organizational changes which commenced with the sale of WestCom in December **2004** to explain the late payment, we note that this event preceded the FY **2005** fee due date by nearly nine months. Thus there should have been more than sufficient time in which to adjust to the corporate changes in order to make a timely payment of the regulatory fees mandated by the Communications Act.

<sup>8 47</sup> U.S.C.§159(c).

Since WestCom did not meet its obligation to file its regulatory fee to be timely received by the Commission by September 7, 2005, the last date for payment of FY 2005 fees,' we deny your request for waiver of the penalty for late payment of its FY 2005 regulatory fee. If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact the Revenue and Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.

Sincerely,

Mark Stephens Chief Financial Officer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See note 2, supra.



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January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Mrs. Evelyn Jordan
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C. 20554
Fax # 202-418-7869

Mrs Jordan;

As discussed in our recent conversation, please find enclosed our recent remittance for \$192,674.99 for our annual regulatory fee based on the submission of our most recent 499-A. This payment has been executed as described in the attached documentation.

As we have discussed, the total payment due includes a penalty for late filing of \$38,534.99 for which we respectfully request that this penalty be abated given the circumstances creating this late filing. On December 17" of 2004, WestCorn was sold to a group of investors and the following months included several organizational changes that included a number of acquisitions as well as the departure of the former CFO, Steven Gould. The series of events leading up to the separation of the former CFO from the Company, along with these transactions, created a lack of transition that resulted in us not recognizing our failure to make this payment in a timely fashion. As part of our year end audit and internal review, we realized that this payment was not made and that resulted in my call to you on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We have now corrected the notification process by filing an appropriate Form 161 which will help us insure that we are not late again with our filings.

Given these circumstances, we respectfully request that the penalty of \$38,534.99 included in this payment be refunded or credited to us on our next annual regulatory fee filing. Please feel free to contact me at 212-258-5568 if you have **any** questions concerning this request or need m y additional information.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully

Leo Whitt

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